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Application of: Douglas W. KING

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For: METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR  
AUTHORIZING PURCHASES MADE  
OVER A COMPUTER NETWORK

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Please enter the following amendments and comments into the file of this application prior to examination thereof.

In the Claims:

Claims 1, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15 19, 22, 25, and 28 are amended to read as follows:

1. (amended) A method of authorizing purchase transactions over a computer network using an account number that identifies a consumer's account from which funds will be withdrawn to pay a purchase price and an authorization token associated with said account number which, when used with said account number, enables withdrawal of funds from said account, said method comprising the steps:

transmitting said account number electronically over said network from a consumer location to an on-line merchant location;

forwarding said account number electronically over said network from said on-line merchant location to a third party contractor location;

determining at said third party contractor location an authentication token type associated with said account number;